

Avila Examiner

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Social Workers Hold Conference

The NFSSW regional Conference held at Avila in the Goppert Theatre lobby on November 12, 13, and 14, was attended by over thirty people from across the four-state region which includes Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Artur Katz, Dean of the Kansas University School of Social Welfare. His talk ranged from the "politicizing" of social work to the future areas of professional social work involvement which will likely include national health insurance and gerontology.

Workshops were held throughout the day on

Saturday in the Borserine building classrooms. Topics included, working with the handicapped, people over 65, institutional racism, and "womb to tomb" social work. Ending the conference were the business meetings held for discussion of issues to be brought to the national committee, and followed by an off-campus party.

According to Bob Phelps, Avila student and the regional coordinator of NFSSW, the national conference will be held in Phoenix, Arizona in February, 1977, and hopefully, several Avila students will be able to go. For more info, call Bob at 942-7606.



Mr. Katz of the K.U. Social Work Program speaks to a conference of the N.F.S.S.W., Region 7.

Fee Provides Money for Student Activities

Every semester when students register, along with tuition and other expenses, we also pay a Student Activity Fee (\$20 per semester for full-time students). But what is it used for?

The fee here at Avila is used to supplement various activities and programs. All students have free admittance to athletic games, fine arts productions, including mime and chamber music performances, dances and bashes. The fee also covers the cost of newspaper publications, health services, and various activities sponsored by clubs and organizations. These are but a few of the things the fee covers.

Other nearby colleges also charge students an activity fee. William Jewell charges their full-time students \$87.50 per semester and these monies are allocated for use of films, bowling, busses, publicity, union activities, concerts lectures, carnivals, and purchase of clothes for hosts and hostesses. It's interesting to note that Park College's student activity fee is \$40 per semester for full-time students and, that while it entitles the students to free admission to plays, lectures, and dances, it also pays the salaries of the newspaper editor, the publishing staff, and Student Senate Executives. But sports fans,

eat your hearts out, their fee does not cover the costs of any of their athletic programs!

UMKC, a larger state-supported university, charges their full-time students \$35 per semester. The system of funding is rigid and allocation of the money is broken down into the following areas: \$15 for building bonds for the University Center, \$5 for athletics, \$12.50 for student

programs, and \$2.50 for capital improvements.

Our chief competitor, Rockhurst, seems to have about the same score when it comes to Student Activity Fees. Like Avila, their fee is \$20 per semester for full-time students, and the monies are allocated to clubs, spontaneous programming, newspaper publication, maintenance of radio station,

and yearbook publication.

So, as far as area colleges are concerned, Avila's Student Activity Fee is one of the cheapest, and yet we seem to have a well-rounded program. Of course, it's up to you, the students, to decide where you'd like to see the fee spent. The SAFB (Student Activity Fee Board) is open and interested in any new, creative, innovative ideas you

may have in regards to activities and programming and would appreciate any feedback you may have about any previously funded activities or programs.

You've paid your fee — now, what would you like to see done with it? For comments or questions, contact the Chairman of the SAFB, Laura Lynn Tettambel, at 942-8483.



In Goppert Theatre, the choir prepares for the Christmas concert by practicing one of the beautiful Alfred Burt carols.

Musicians Harmonize

Christmas Melodies

The sounds of joyful holiday music will fill Goppert Theatre on the night of December 10. Beginning at 8:00 in the evening, the Avila Music Department will present a program celebrating the wonders of the Christmas season. The Avila

choir, soloists, pianists, and small ensembles have practiced many hours to perfect the several musical numbers. Most importantly, everyone can enjoy the uplifting spirit provided by the concert because admission is free.

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Christmas Mediation

"We wish for you this day a happy Christmas, and would give you those gifts which are priceless, outlast time, and bridge all space. We wish you laughter and pure joy, a merry heart and a clear conscience, and love which thinks no evil, is not easily provoked, and seeks not its own: the fragrance of flowers, the sweet associations of holly and mistletoe and fir, the memory of peaceful hills, and of the mantling snow, which guards the sleep of all God's

creatures. We wish that the spirit of Christmastide may draw you into companionship with Him who giveth all. The little Christ hands are beckoning us to come within the circle of His faith and love, where are bright angels and everyday saints and all goodness, truth and beauty. It is the Feast of the Child - 'Come, let us adore Him.'"

Merry Christmas and Happy Finals Week from the Avila Examiner Staff.

Survey Rates Newspaper

By DOTTIE CEBULA

A sample of 125 students, faculty and staff was surveyed in November, 1976, to find out how many people are reading the student newspaper, the *Avila Examiner*, and to seek critique and suggestions for improvement.

The sample included 72 full-time students, 39 part-time students and 14 faculty and staff. 20 per cent of the full-time students live on campus; 32 per cent of the student sample are education majors;

11 per cent are social science majors; 5 per cent natural sciences-math majors; 4 per cent arts-humanities majors; 12 per cent all others.

40 per cent of the students are under 22 years; 60 per cent 22 years or over. 71 per cent of our sample has read the student newspaper this year; 62 per cent knew that the name of the newspaper is the *Avila Examiner*. 42 per cent of our sample thinks that the newspaper keeps one informed about current campus activities; 7 per cent say "somewhat" informed; 12 per

cent say no; 30 per cent don't know.

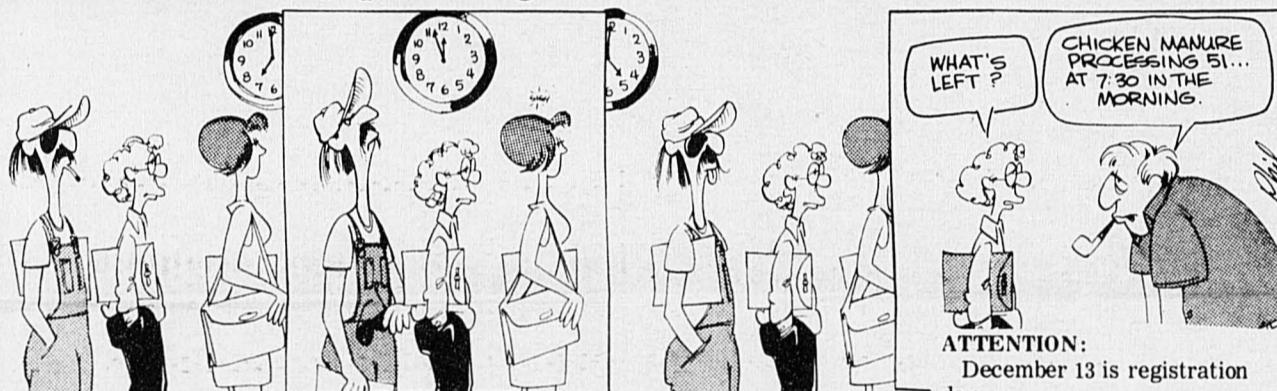
For the 29 per cent of our sample who have not read an issue of the newspaper this year, 54 per cent of them had never seen a copy, and/or didn't know that there was a student newspaper; only 12 per cent said that they were not interested in reading it.

As for the kinds of articles, information or features that our sample likes to see in a student newspaper, (they could identify more than one): 64 per cent like to see campus activities; 46 per cent editorials; 44 per cent campus sports; 35 per cent departmental news; 35 per cent features on students on campus; 34 per cent campus polls; 34 per cent film reviews; 30 per cent campus club news; 26 per cent national, state and local news; 21 per cent advice column.

The strong points of the newspaper most often mentioned are: (1) the newspaper keeps one informed about what is going on at Avila; (2) the quality of the editorials; (3) the letters to the editor; (4) the calendar of events.

The weak points of the newspaper most often mentioned are: (1) the quality of the editing-proofreading; (2) the relative infrequency and shifting time-schedules of the issues; (3) the quality of the writers' skills.

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Calender

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December 10 — SUB Movie - "Murder on the Orient Express".

December 10 — Christmas Concert - Goppert Theatre - 8:00 p.m.

December 11 — Musical Auditions, "Oklahoma" - 1-5 p.m.

December 11 — Women's Basketball - Here - Avila vs. William Jewel - 2:00 p.m.

December 11 — Men's Basketball - Here - Avila vs. Southwest Baptist - 7:30 p.m.

December 13 — Registration - 8:00-5:00.

December 13 — Swine Flu clinic - 9:00-4:00.

December 17 — Women's Basketball - Here - Avila vs. Central Methodist - 7:30 p.m.

December 18 — Men's Basketball - Here - Avila vs. Baker - 7:30 p.m.

December 18 — January 12 — Christmas Recess.

January 10-11 — Registration - 8:00 - 5:00.

January 14 — Noon Recital - Goppert Theatre House - 12:00 - 1:00.

January 13-15 — Senior Project - A.L.T.

January 21 — Noon Recital - Goppert Theatre House - 12:00 - 1:00.

January 21 — Women's Basketball - Here - Avila vs. Baker - 7:00 p.m.

Students Plan Events

By MARY KORHAMMER

On January 18, 1977, the students' library fund campaign will officially begin with the selling of buttons. Following this date a range of fund raising and spirit raising activities will take place. Of the suggested activities, there are college bowls, "Anything Goes" type programs, dance marathons, hot air balloon rides, parachutists, dinner theatres and departmental races. Of these ideas the college bowl is presently the most developed of the projects. On March 13 at 8 PM, there will be the Baby Bowl which would be an intellectual contest between selected teams of students of Avila. In this contest, there would be questions from all of the areas of study at Avila. The victorious team from this bowl would then go on to challenge other colleges from the Kansas City area in the Big Bowl. This bowl will be held on March 27. Both of the bowls will be in Goppert Theatre.

All students will be contacted, whether through activities or through direct solicitation. This goal of reaching each student is an

immense one, but then so are the efforts contributed by those who are participating. If you would like to become a part of this project, contact Mary Korhammer by phone, 942-4216, or through the Gredunza box.

Letter to the Students

Dear Students:

The Avila College Alumni Association wishes to thank the students of Avila for their cooperation and participation in Homecoming October 15-17, 1976.

For us, the alumni, Homecoming is a time to come back, to renew old friendships and make new ones, to realize the impact Avila College- College of St. Teresa has made in our lives. We appreciate your enthusiasm and willingness to welcome us home.

We look forward to the day you join us as alumni!

Sincerely,
Marilyn L. Fleming,
Secretary
Avila College Alumni Ass'n.

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Students Remember Christmas Past, Anxiously Await Christmas Present

By Michael H. Marx

"Next please!" Does that sound familiar? No, it is not the nurse in the doctor's office calling for the next patient or the cashier at the local shopping center during Christmas countdown. Rather, it is you and I and all the rest of us calling for the next holiday and the ensuing vacation.

In a time when holidays have become commonplace; when they are just another couple of days off; when Christmas begins a week before Thanksgiving ends; in a time like this, maybe we should call Time Out and examine what these holidays really mean to us. Specifically, we should look into the deep recesses of our souls and see if Christmas really does have any meaning to us. Here are some of the ideas that our fellow students had to offer.

Christmas is a time for togetherness with the Mauban family. "It is a reunion time for most of us," says Ray. He fondly recalls the many Christmases he spent with his family in the Philippines; sharing some of the joy with his maternal grandparents and some of the celebration with his paternal grandparents and his very many cousins. A tone of remorse creeps in as he thinks of this upcoming Yuletide. "This year is just going to be a time of remembrance for some of us who are far away from their home country." Family togetherness is one of the most important things at this time of the year for them. Still, Ray very much enjoys the American way of Christmas with all its merriment and fun-like drinking and watching football!!! (?) "Maligayang Pasko at Maligong Bagong Taon." Merry Christmas and Happy New Year (in the Philippine dialect) from Ray.

"Christmas is a peaceful time for me," says Jackie Riggs. It is a time when she can relax from the hectic pressures of a tough semester of school. It also affords her time which she can spend with her family and, most of all, she is able to enjoy the time she has to be herself. "It's a 'release' time, time to be totally free both in mind and body." Jackie has some hints

on how to use your idle time during Christmas break. That time should be for refreshment, revitalization, and most of all, "life swing". "If you're

a student, you know what I mean!" Merry Christmas from Jackie.

Also stressing family togetherness as an important part of the Christmas celebration is Mark Lally. He thinks that forgiveness plays perhaps a larger role at this time of the year, and that it is a stepping stone into the next year. "It is a time for hope for a bigger, brighter and better future for everyone." What Mark misses are some of the older traditions of the season. He doesn't see people really appreciating the significance of Christmas and believes that many are missing the whole idea of the season. "Perhaps by bringing back the older traditions, can the family really experience Christmas."

What Christmas means to Candy Andreesen need not be explained. "It is a time for joy and merriment, but it has lost much of its true meaning in the hustle and bustle of shopping and commercialism. Christmas has always held a special meaning for me because it is at this time that the one person who is always there when I need Him was born — Christ." She also retains memories of bygone days such as that of reading and reliving the Christmas Story every December 24 at home with her parents. Even though Christmas no longer holds all that special magic it used to, "Merry Christmas" from Candy!

Certain small privileges come with such vague honors as writing the feature story. One of these is not having to put yourself on the spot by

sharing your personal thoughts with hundreds of others. However, since Christmas is a time of sharing, I will briefly entertain you with my own feelings.

Like a lot of people, I am somewhat of a traditionalist — call it old-fashioned if you please, and I tenaciously cling to many of the old traditions. Coming from Germany, I know many which may seem very strange to the average American — like not believing in Santa Claus but in St. Nicholas and Black Peter! Actually, Christmas at our home is a celebration combining German, French, and American traditions.

What strikes me most, however, is not any single tradition, but the lack of respect for such a time as Christmas. I still cannot believe how early Christmas begins here. I do know that brotherly love and togetherness should not be limited only to December 25, but we are becoming quite ridiculous when we stretch Christmas for more than 6 weeks.

Christmas to me is certainly a time for togetherness and forgiveness and new hope; but more so, it is a time to be thankful for each other and for the fullness of life that we have enjoyed in the preceding 364 days.

Many other students here at Avila also expressed a desire to return to the older, more personal ways of celebrating Christmas and all are upset at what commercialism has done to this most joyous of all seasons. Perhaps one day not too far off, we all can once again truly enjoy the essence of Christmas — whatever it may be.

Frohe Weinachten und ein Glückliches Neues Jahr.



On November 29, students bring the signs of the holiday season to Marian Centre by decorating a giant Christmas tree.



Crown Center was the site of Avila holiday festivities on the night of December 3 when approximately 200 people gathered for the annual Christmas dinner/dance.

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Play Studies Abuse

About twenty persons gathered to watch "The Inner Tiger" presented in Upper Marian Centre lounge on Wednesday, November 17.

The play-for-living, presented by staff from Family and Children's Services, takes place in a doctor's office as the doctors and nurses assess a child's suspicious injury. Some myths and truths concerning the problem of recognizing child abuse are brought up along with the idea that there is an "inner tiger" within all of us and it can break loose with the right amount of stress. The ultimate message of the play is that most child abusers are not monsters who hate and deliberately hurt their children; they are hurt people themselves who can no longer cope with the internal and external stress situation, and vent their anger on a child.

The play is not an end in itself but a thought-provoking catalyst to discussion on the problem of child abuse. What is child abuse? What kind of people are child abusers? How can they be helped? What is best for the children — to be taken from their parents or stay with them while they receive help? These are the questions being discussed and decided upon by the courts and professionals and lawmakers today.

If you would like more information on this subject or want counseling or to report an incidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, there is a Missouri-wide toll-free "hotline" that runs 24 hours, 7 days a week: 1-800-392-3738.

Holiday Party Planned

There will be a Christmas party sponsored by the Avila Society of Medical Technologists. All math and natural science majors - minors are invited; just bring a covered dish. Sign-up sheets are located between the chemistry and biology labs. The party will be December 10, at 12:00 in Room 108.

Concert Season Continues

The Kansas City Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra, Marc Gottlieb conducting, will present the third concert in the Nelson Gallery Chamber series on Sunday, December 12, 3:30 p.m. at the Gallery, 45th & Oak. The program, presented free to the public, consists of Corelli CONCERTO GROSSO NO. 8 in G MINOR, Bach CONCERTO NO. 2 IN E FOR VIOLIN AND STRING ORCHESTRA and Shostakovich (Shahs tah KO vitch) CONCERTO FOR PIANO, OBBLIGATO (ob li gah toe) TRUMPET AND STRING ORCHESTRA.

Nelson Sponsorships, which help underwrite the cost of these productions, are still available for \$30.00 per person. Benefits include reserved seating for the remaining three concerts and sponsorship listing in the programs. For more information call the Philharmonic office - 842-9300.

Dates for the remaining Nelson series concerts are January 30 and February 13. All performances begin at 3:30 in the Nelson Gallery, 45th & Oak.

Dinner Theatre Begins

Are you tired of Waldo Astoria and Tiffany's Attic Dinner Theatres? If you are looking for a place to have good food and entertainment, come to the First Consecutive Avila College Drama Club Dinner Theatre. There will be a special program of student directed scenes; come to the Marian Center Cafeteria; Dec. 15, to relax your mind and clear your brain of those nasty final blues!

Excitement, Season Bounces On

By Mike Swanson

The men's basketball team was victorious three of their first four games to open the 1976-77 season. Two of the wins came against District 16 rivals including a dramatic overtime win over cross-city rival Rockhurst College.

The Avalanche opened the season with a resounding 108-76 win at home against Baptist Bible College from Springfield. Center Wayne Simien came off the bench to hit 11-of-15 shots from the field to lead all scorers with 24 points. Last year's leading scorer, Dennis Joyce, pumped in 18 points and newcomer Jim Salanky added 14 points and pulled down a game high 16 rebounds.

Avila jumped out to a 57-42 halftime lead and took advantage of numerous Baptist Bible turnovers early in the second half to pull away.

The Avalanche opened an 8-game road trip at Mason-Halpin fieldhouse on the Rockhurst campus on November 20 and came away with an exciting 67-61 overtime win over the traditionally ranked Hawks. It was the first time that Avila had defeated Rockhurst, as the game came only one week after William Jewell had been shelled by the Hawks by 37 points.

Avila held a 24-22 edge at the intermission and came out in the second half appearing to show signs of pulling away. However, Rockhurst came back from a six point deficit with 5:30 to play and took the lead three minutes later. The Avalanche received new life with only 24 seconds remaining when the Hawks

failed to convert a technical foul situation. Avila got the ball back with 14 seconds left and only 8 seconds later Jeff Gilmore fired in a clutch 15-footer to tie the game and send it into overtime.

The Avalanche took control early in the extra period and forced the Hawks to foul. Fortunately, Avila she was prepared for the occasion as they converted 7 free throws in the final 5 minutes to account for the victory. Gilmore lead all scorers with 19 points while Joyce added 14.

Avila raised its record to 3-0 on November 23 by pulling out a 66-65 win over McPherson College on the loser's court. The Avalanche appeared to dig its own grave by falling behind by 13 in the first half, however guard Bob Hardin popped in four buckets from long range and Rodney Todd hit for eight second half points to spark the Avila comeback. Hardin, who finished with 14 points, put the finishing touches on the game by sinking a pair of free throws with 26 seconds remaining to give the Avalanche a 3-point lead, 66-63. Joyce, again, led all scorers with 18 points,

including 12 in the first half.

The Avalanche dropped its first game of the year against powerful Missouri Southern, 70-54, on November 26 in Joplin. The first half was another mistake-filled affair with Southern taking a 27-26 lead into the locker room. Missouri Southern came out hot in the second half and ran away on the strength of 6-10 center, Russell Bland, who scored 17 of his game high 23 points in the final 20 minutes. Rodney Todd led the Avila attack with 13 points while Salanky and Joyce added 11 and 10 points respectively.

Following the 8-game road trip, Avila will return home to face last year's District 16 representative in the national tournament when Southwest Baptist comes to town on December 11 for a 7:30 tip-off. The game will be played at Miege High School which is located at 5041 Reinhardt Drive off of Johnson Drive near the Country Club Plaza. The final game prior to the Christmas break will take place at St. Thomas More gym on December 18 when Baker invades for a 2:00 game.



Avila Cheerleaders, from left to right, are: Judi Clymer, Mary Lu Marlin, Lisa Schneiders, Susan Shaw, Tami Galbraith, Becky McGaughy, Cookie Alexander, Valerie Rigg, and Denise Smallwood.

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